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Ms. Anne Idsal
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RE: Proposal for Placement of the San Mateo Creek Basin Uranium Legacy Site, Cibola and McKinley Counties, New Mexico, on the Superfund National Priorities List

Dear Ms. Idsal:

This letter is in response to the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) request for concurrence from the State of New Mexico regarding EPA's proposal to add the San Mateo Creek Basin Uranium Legacy Site, located in Cibola and McKinley Counties, New Mexico, to the National Priorities List (NPL).

Investigations conducted by EPA and the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) indicate that legacy uranium mines have contaminated ground water to an extent that has impacted private drinking water wells and threatens to impact public water supplies. The site is highly complex and involves numerous Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs) such that the Superfund process represents the most viable and comprehensive approach to compel the PRPs to achieve ground water remediation and environmental restoration for the protection of public health.

Governor Susana Martinez and NMED support the inclusion of San Mateo Creek Basin Uranium Legacy Site on the NPL. We look forward to working collaboratively with EPA and the PRPs toward achieving an appropriate remedy for the site.

Sincerely,

Butch Tongate, Secretary
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Cc: Carl Edlund, Director, Superfund Division, EPA Region 6